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SUBJECT: SOVIET REPLY TO ALLIED PROTEST OF JANUARY 11

REF: BONN 5061

1. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY BONN THAT THERE IS NO PARTICULAR
SIGNIFICANCE IN THE SOVIET STATEMENT OF MARCH 10, TO
THE REFERENCE THAT "WEST BERLIN (IS) A CITY WITH A SPECIAL
STATUS".

2. THE MISSION HAS NOT RESEARCHED SOVIET NOTES, BUT THE
"SPECIAL STATUS" PHRASE IS A STANDARD COMMUNIST TERM THAT
HAS FREQUENTLY APPEARED IN GDR PRONOUNCEMENTS. IT APPEARS
THAT THE PHRASE THAT WEST BERLIN HAS A "SPECIAL POLITICAL
STATUS" EMERGED EARLY IN 1971, WHILE THE QA NEGOTIATIONS
WERE STILL UNDERWAY, AND FURTHER THAT IT WAS INTENDED
AS, AND AFTER 1971 IN FACT BECAME, THE BOILER PLATE
COMMUNIST REPLACEMENT FOR THE EARLIER TERM THAT WEST
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BERLIN IS "AN INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ENTITY."

3. THE ASSERTION THAT THE QA APPLIES ONLY TO WEST BERLIN
IS ALSO A LONG STANDING SOVIET POSITION, ALTHOUGH IT
DOES NOT OFTEN APPEAR IN NORMAL POLEMICS (MOST OF WHICH
DEAL WITH FRG/BERLIN AND NOT GDR/BERLIN RELATIONSHIPS).
GROMYKO AND HONNECKER BOTH STRESSED THIS THEME IN SPEECHES

OF JUNE 1972.

4. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE FEEL THAT THE EMBASSY'S SUG-
GESTION IS JUST RIGHT, I.E., THAT OUR FINAL REPLY SHOULD
BE PERFUNCTORY. GEORGE

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